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(1) Faltering Economy

The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer

PBS

Thursday, January 1, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Journalists Look Back on Tumultuous Financial Year: The economy experienced an extraordinary year of volatility in 2008 with the collapse of major financial firms and huge market losses. Financial writers discuss the year's significance and the road ahead in 2009.

The Ascent of Money

PBS

Tuesday, January 13, 9:00 – 11:00 pm

This new special puts the current global financial crisis in the full context of financial history. Premiering just a week before the inauguration of a president who campaigned on a promise to tackle this crisis, THE ASCENT OF MONEY provides background on global finance's big picture. Presenter Niall Ferguson, author of the book on which the program is based, speaks with leading experts, including financier George Soros, Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker and more.

Nightly Business Report

PBS

Monday, February 2, 11:30 pm – 12:00 midnight

Market Stats; Paul Kangas' Stocks in the News; The Great Consumer Spending Cutback; "Reviving the Economy:"-The Nation's Employment Picture; The Senate Stimulus Package Showdown; "Get Your Finances Ready for Retirement"-Long Term Care; "Commentary"-Jobs and Finances Work Together.

Georgia's Business

Local

Sunday, February 15, 1:30 – 2:00 pm

With a financial meltdown hitting banks, retailers, car dealerships and many Georgians, we welcome a guest with a unique perspective. Dennis Lockhart is President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. His career includes time in academia, investment banking and international finance. He took over as the Atlanta Fed's 14th CEO about two years ago...and is now a witness to one of the greatest economic challenges of our generation.

Frontline "Inside The Meltdown"

PBS

Tuesday, February 17, 10:00 – 11:00 pm

Frontline investigates the causes of the worst economic crisis in 70 years and how the government responded. The film chronicles the inside stories of the Bear Stearns deal, Lehman Brothers collapse, the propping up of insurance giant AIG and the \$700 billion bailout. "Inside the Meltdown" examines what Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke didn't see, couldn't stop and haven't been able to fix.

Frontline "Ten Trillion and Counting"**PBS****Tuesday, February 24, 10:00 – 11:00 pm**

All of the measures by the federal government to stem the tide in the financial meltdown that began with the subprime mortgage crisis have added hundreds of billions of dollars to our national debt. FRONTLINE reports on how this debt will constrain and challenge the new Obama administration, and on the growing chorus, on both sides of the political aisle, that without fiscal reform the United States government may face a debt crisis of its own in years to come that make the current financial problems look almost painless by comparison. Through interviews with the leading experts and insiders in government finance, the film investigates the causes and potential outcomes of and possible solutions to America's 10 trillion dollar debt.

(2) Transportation Issues**Georgia's Business****Local****Sunday, February 8, 1:30 – 2:00 pm**

Suzanne Sitherwood is one of the state's most dynamic executives, leading the company where she has worked for 25 years and working with state leaders on the issues that affect the state's future, like water, transportation and business development. As President of Atlanta Gas Light Chattanooga Gas and Florida City Gas, she also confronts energy issues head on.

Nightly Business Report**PBS****Wednesday, February 11, 11:30 pm – 12:00 midnight**

Market Stats; Paul Kangas' Stocks in the News; Bank CEOs Get Grilled on the Hill; Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood Talks About the \$50B Piece of The Stimulus Bill Pie; As Bankers Feel The Heat on the Hill Credit Markets Start To Thaw; "Reviving the Economy: Jobs"-Investing in Your Employer; The Top 30 Innovations of the Last 30 Years-Medical Advances; Street Critique - Hilary Kramer, Chief Market Strategist at GreenTech Research.

Now on PBS**PBS****Sunday, February 15, 11:30 pm – 12:00 midnight**

President Obama's stimulus money is nearly out the door and on its way to the states, but will it be spent in the way it is intended? One alarming example: Mass transit. Cities and states, strapped for money, are cutting back on mass transit even as it becomes more popular with Americans. Meanwhile, President Obama is calling for increased mass transit as a necessary step toward energy independence. Will the government's investment dramatically revitalize our national travel infrastructure, or will states spend the money according to 'business as usual'?

Lawmakers**Local****Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

Governor Sonny Perdue, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle and House Speaker Glenn Richardson joined forces last week to announce a new structure to Georgia's infrastructure agencies. Funding from the state's motor fuel tax will be redirected to a new State Transportation Authority. The Senate Transportation Committee held a hearing on Senate Bill 200 this afternoon. Lawmakers' Valarie Edwards reports.

Lawmakers**Local****Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

It was always anticipated that transportation would be a big issue in the 2009 session. First, the Senate and house revealed two different approaches to funding the State's transportation needs- the Senate with a transportation special local option sales tax or T-SPLOST and the House with a statewide 1% sales tax. Then Governor Sonny Perdue announced his plans to reorganize the State's transportation agencies. Lawmakers' Valarie Edwards has the latest on transportation initiatives.

Lawmakers**Local****Monday, March 25, 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

Tonight on Lawmakers, legislation that would impose strict fines for excessive speeding passes the Senate, but without a provision to direct those monies to trauma; a measure that would have increased the homestead exemption fails to pass the House; a bill that creates the sentence of life without parole passes the House; legislation aimed at improving Georgia's graduation rate clears the Senate and changes in the Georgia 2020 Transportation Act in the House send those bills back to the Senate.

(3) Unemployment**The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer****PBS****Friday, January 9, 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

December Job Losses Compound Economic Woes:

Unemployment rose to 7.2 percent in December, the highest since 1993, according to a new report from the Labor Department.

Employers cut 524,000 jobs, and some economy-watchers fear more cuts are still to come. Ray Suarez reports.

Georgia's Business**Local****Sunday, February 22, 1:30 – 2:00 pm**

As unemployment inches toward double digits, thousands of Georgians are faced with the real prospect of losing their jobs...or the immediate need to find a new one. In this environment, how do you do that? For advice, we turn to the world's most valuable brand: Coca-Cola, and one of their senior executives, Jerry Wilson, whose new book is all about creating the brand that is you.

Lawmakers**Local****Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

Governor Sonny Perdue held a press conference this afternoon to announce \$1.6 billion in cuts to bring FY 2010 budget to a total of \$18.5 billion— that's down from the FY 2009 budget total of \$20.2 billion. He says that Georgia will accept \$150 million in federal stimulus dollars to boost the unemployment trust fund as well as \$1.1 billion in new federal dollars for education, Medicaid, public safety and social services. State employees will be expected to pay 5% more in health insurance costs. The Governor also said that any state employee furlough decisions will be made by agency heads.

Lawmakers**Local****Friday, March 20, 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

Senate Majority Leader Chip Rogers spoke out yesterday about Georgia's rising unemployment, which is now at a record 9.3%. He spoke about the JOBS Act, House Bill 481, which he says will help create jobs. Today, Senator Nan Orrock spoke out about the cost associated with that job creation. She says it will cost the State an average of \$265,000 per job created- that figure from the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute.

(4) Energy Issues**NOVA "The Big Energy Gamble"****PBS****Tuesday, January 20, 8:00 – 9:00 pm**

The latest public opinion polls show that a vast majority of Americans believe the world is facing a global climate crisis. We are willing to pay more for "cleaner energy," and we want our government to take appropriate action to mitigate the crisis. But we don't have a clue what those actions should be or how the various energy "solutions" we hear about can help. The Big Energy Gamble shines the spotlight on California - an oasis of conservation in an energy-hungry country.

The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer**PBS****Wednesday, January 26, 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

Obama Orders Regulators to Revisit Fuel Standards: President Barack Obama pledged renewed U.S. leadership to fight global warming Monday, as he ordered regulators to revisit the tightening of fuel-economy standards for new cars and trucks. Experts debate the significance of the announcement for automakers.

Lawmakers**Local****Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

Current proposals to build and operate coal-fired energy plants in two Georgia counties have environmental groups concerned. Lawmakers' Brittany Evans has more.

The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer

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Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Oil Prices Plunge, General Motors Announces More Job Cuts: In other news of the day, the price of oil plunged after the Energy Department predicted shrinking demand, and General Motors announced it will cut 10,000 jobs.

Lawmakers

Local

Thursday, February 26, 7:00 – 7:30 pm

A bill that would have Georgia Power customers pay in advance for a planned nuclear expansion near Augusta cleared a major hurdle on Monday. The House Energy and Utility Telecommunications Committee voted 15 to 3 to approve Senate Bill 31. The move attempts to sidestep a planned Public Service Commission hearing on the issue early next month. Supporters say the measure will cut approximately \$300 million from the project's estimated \$14 billion price tag. The legislation has already passed the Senate and now goes to House Rules. If approved by the House and signed by Governor Perdue, the Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act would increase the average monthly electric bill by \$1.30 a month starting in 2011. The rate would continue to increase until the plant's scheduled completion in 2017.

The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer

PBS

Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

California Scientists Advance Toward Producing Fusion Energy: Spencer Michels reports on the ongoing efforts of scientists in California, who say they are getting closer to producing fusion energy to help fuel American energy independence.